

with Mark during some of those games, and I am thankful to everyone at the Fire Department who made those games possible.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Mark Sertich is already missed by his family, friends, and all of the Duluth community, but I hope they are comforted in knowing that his life as a hockey legend, community leader, World War II veteran and a member of the greatest generation will be long remembered and celebrated.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, it is wonderful to see the gentleman in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, a month ago yesterday, a siege of lightning strikes ignited the CZU Lightning Complex fire in my congressional district, and it is now the 10th most destructive wildfire in California's history.

Over the past month, the fire has destroyed nearly a thousand homes in my district and forced 77,000 of my constituents to evacuate. Thanks to the extraordinary—and I mean, extraordinary work—of thousands of first responders, the fire is now over 90 percent contained.

As we work toward recovery, much of the Bay Area and the entire western United States is still breathing the toxic smoke from these fires, which can have lasting effects and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases and have a terrible impact on children whose lungs are still developing.

Congress should immediately pass my legislation, the Smoke Planning and Research Act to help local governments address this public health crisis.

I am also calling on Congress to pass the WIRED Act to allow States to require wireless companies to deploy infrastructure that is resilient enough to support cell phone networks during disasters.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize tomorrow, September 18, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

This important day of respect, reflection, and recognition was established through a 1979 proclamation by President Jimmy Carter. To date, more than 83,000 Americans are still missing from World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, and more.

The brave Americans who rose to the occasion to protect and defend our country are the bravest among us.

Many return home. Far too many do not. We owe it to those individuals and to the families of those individuals to continue the search. The pain that these families endure due to uncertainty is unfathomable.

To ensure that these men and women are never forgotten, a flag, that I am sure all of us recognize, was designed in consultation with Evelyn Grubb, wife of an Air Force POW, and Mary Helen Hoff, wife of a Navy man deemed missing in action.

Today, that flag is displayed in the U.S. Capitol rotunda, serving as a reminder that we must continue our work on behalf of military families and continue the search for our POW/MIA servicemembers.

HEROES ACT FOR THE PEOPLE

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, nearly 200,000 Americans have tragically died from COVID-19 in the United States. In Riverside County, California, 1,136 have died and 56,201 people have been infected.

We have record-breaking unemployment in our Nation, with 13.7 percent unemployment in Riverside County.

They are our family, our neighbors, our friends. My constituents are struggling, and they urgently need relief. The Senate must get their act together. Their delay in stalling is a shame, and to make matters worse, their skinny-aid excuse of a proposal is much worse than a day late and a dollar short.

In fact, it has been 125 days since the House passed the HEROES Act. They must meet the HEROES Act at least halfway to provide another round of stimulus checks, extend unemployment benefits, small business support, and money for local and State governments to pay for essential services, like for police, firefighters, and teachers.

The Senate must act. The Senate must step up and bring this legislation for a vote. Meet us halfway to slow the spread and save lives as quickly and safely as possible. We need the HEROES Act for the people.

ABRAHAM ACCORDS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, for our friends and allies in Israel, the Abraham Accords are the first agreement with a neighboring Arab country since 1994. Peace agreements between Israel, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates bring a significant shift in the balance of power in the Middle East, and strengthens the American position against Iran, which is a leading sponsor of terror in the world.

Thanks to President Trump's bold vision for American foreign policy, we have rebuilt trust with our regional partners and show a united front against the oppressive regime in Tehran.

After decades of division in the Middle East, the Abraham Accords will lay the foundation for peace and prosperity in the region for decades to come. Normalized relations across the region will accelerate growth by expanding diplomatic, economic, and financial ties.

Mr. Speaker, there is much to be optimistic about, these recent historic Abraham Accords will bring a new wave of peace and prosperity in the Middle East.

HEROES ACT AND THE PEOPLE

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, more than 4 months ago, the House passed the HEROES Act, legislation that protects our HEROES on the front line of this pandemic, our police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, sanitation workers, it provides stimulus payments for up to \$6,000 per family, extends unemployment benefits of \$600 per week through January, and gets hazard pay and much-needed resources to frontline workers.

This bill has sat on my MITCH MCCONNELL's desk since then.

In the meantime, tens of millions of Americans are out of work with unemployment levels four times higher than they were before this pandemic. More than a million layoffs and State and local budget cuts that are crippling services for those who need them the most. A total of 6.3 million Americans have been infected and nearly 200,000 have died.

Mr. Speaker, instead of voting on the HEROES Act, the Senate Republicans put forward their own bill that didn't come close to addressing the problems we face: The economic catastrophe and the public health crisis.

The American people deserve better. They need help. They deserve a Senate and Republicans in the Senate that work for them, and a President who tells them the truth.

Rest assured, Democrats are going to continue fighting for all those that our Republican colleagues in the Senate and that President Trump have left behind.

WE THE PEOPLE

(Mr. NORMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, today is a special day in which we pause to cherish the bedrock of our union that is the Constitution.

The great experiment that is this Nation rests upon the spirit that Madison enshrined in this document. It is the

unwavering commitment to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the American ethos that sustains us to this day.

The essence of our democratic republic lies in the words, "We the People." This creed is the glue that holds our United States together, and it ought to be revered. When held close, our Nation will continue to prosper through generations to come. As Henry Clay once said, "The Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity-unlimited, undefined, endless, perpetual posterity."

Unique to the world is our tireless belief in a better tomorrow. If we are to sustain this hope, we must maintain an enduring commitment to the ideals of the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage every American, young and old alike, to study the framework and celebrate the greatest Nation that this world has ever known. Let this day serve as a reminder of everything that was and everything that can be so long as we remain united under the articles of the Constitution.

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CONDEMNING ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 908, condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID.

I cast my "yes" vote today in memory of Vincent Chin. The anti-Asian racism and hate that led to his murder in Highland Park, Michigan, in my district, is alive today, and it is what led to the June 9 horrific attack in 1982.

I am proud to stand with my sister in service, the first Asian-American woman in the Michigan Legislature, State Senator Stephanie Chang, to say that the disgusting wave of hate against our Asian-American friends and neighbors we are witnessing in our country will not stand.

In this moment, I think of one of our Nation's greatest heroes, Detroit's Grace Lee Boggs. While she would be proud of our vote here today, she would remind us that our work is not done.

We must commit, as she did for over 100 years, to the revolutionary struggle to liberate our world from hate, embrace all humankind with love, and grow our own souls in the process.

I thank so much Congresswoman MENG for her leadership, and I urge my colleagues to please vote "yes."

SUPPORTING HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR VETERANS

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring importance to a treatment issue that faces our Nation's veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury, TBI, and post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSD.

In line with National Suicide Prevention Month, I am introducing the Veterans National Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act today. This bill will help so many of our veterans who are suffering from TBI and PTSD by creating a pilot program, increasing their access to hyperbaric oxygen therapy, HBOT. There are presently many treatments for PTSD and TBI, but they do not work for everyone.

As a physician for over 30 years, I have long been a strong advocate for HBOT, since I was in the North Carolina legislature. This type of treatment has restored the lives of so many of our veterans when all else failed. But the Department of Veterans Affairs has refused to use this treatment despite many requests by Members of Congress.

This is a bipartisan issue. It is time for Congress to authorize this treatment option by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Charitable organizations—donations, not taxpayer funds—will pay for this program. My pilot program should show how efficacious this treatment truly is.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, as we owe our veterans and their families this treatment option for those who have lost all hope to help their lives return to some sense of normalcy.

CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AS RELATED TO COVID-19

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1107, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 908) condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TLAIB). Pursuant to House Resolution 1107, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 908

Whereas 23,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for 7 percent of the Nation's population in the United States;

Whereas over 2,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the frontlines of this COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first responders, transportation, supermarkets, and other service industries;

Whereas the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19, such as the "Chinese Virus", "Wuhan Virus", and "Kung-flu" have perpetuated anti-Asian stigma;

Whereas since January 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in reports of hate crimes and incidents against those of Asian descent;

Whereas according to a recent study, there were over 400 cases related to COVID-19 anti-Asian discrimination between February 9, 2020, and March 7, 2020;

Whereas the increased use of anti-Asian rhetoric has resulted in Asian Americans being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas in March 2020, anti-Asian violence includes: a woman wearing a mask was kicked and punched at a New York City subway station; two children and two adults were stabbed at a wholesale grocery in Midland, Texas; a couple was assaulted and robbed by a group of attackers in Philadelphia; and a 16-year-old boy was sent to the hospital after being attacked by bullies in Los Angeles, California;

Whereas the increased use of anti-Asian rhetoric has also resulted in Asian-American businesses being targeted for vandalism;

Whereas there are approximately 2 million Asian American-owned businesses that generate over \$700 billion in annual revenue and employ nearly 4.5 million workers;

Whereas the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognize that naming COVID-19 by its geographic location or linking it to a specific ethnicity perpetuates stigma;

Whereas in 2015, the WHO issued guidance calling on media outlets, scientists, and national authorities to avoid naming infectious diseases for locations to avoid stigmatizing groups of people;

Whereas, on February 27, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services stated "ethnicity is not what causes the novel coronavirus" and that it is inappropriate and inaccurate to call COVID-19 the "Chinese virus";

Whereas, on February 28, 2020, Dr. Mitch Wolfe, the Chief Medical Officer of the CDC said, "Stigma is the enemy of public health";

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Dr. Robert Redfield, the Director of the CDC, testified that use of the term "Chinese coronavirus" is wrong and inappropriate; and

Whereas the Secretary General of the United Nations called for international solidarity and an end to any ill-founded discrimination of the outbreak's victims: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) calls on all public officials to condemn and denounce any and all anti-Asian sentiment in any form;

(2) recognizes that the health and safety of all Americans, no matter their background, must be of utmost priority;

(3) condemns all manifestations of expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, anti-Asian sentiment, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance;

(4) calls on Federal law enforcement officials, working with State and local officials—

(A) to expeditiously investigate and document all credible reports of hate crimes and incidents and threats against the Asian-American community in the United States;

(B) to collect data to document the rise of incidences of hate crimes due to COVID-19; and

(C) to hold the perpetrators of those crimes, incidents, or threats accountable and bring such perpetrators to justice; and

(5) recommit United States leadership in building more inclusive, diverse, and tolerant societies—

(A) to prioritize language access and inclusivity in communication practices; and

(B) to combat misinformation and discrimination that put Asian Americans at risk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the